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37 CFR § 1.131 DECLARATION OF ALFRED THOMAS

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I, Alfred Thomas, declare that:

1. I am the inventor of United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323.
2. WMS Gaming Inc. is the assignee of United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323.
3. I invented the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this patent application prior to September 9, 2003, the priority date of United States Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0055115 to Gerrard et al.
4. Before the priority date of the Gerrard et al. reference, I developed a new game, corresponding to what is presented in United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323. Both Exhibit A and Exhibit B, described below, are dated before September 9, 2003, and show the concepts which are embodied in United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323.


5. Exhibit A is a copy of a first slide presentation presented internally within WMS Gaming Inc. before September 9, 2003. Exhibit A includes, on pages 2-8 therein, concepts corresponding to those presented, for example, in FIGS. 6-8 and on paragraphs [0043]-[0058] of United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323, concepts which are included in claims 1-49.

6. Exhibit B is a copy of a second slide presentation presented internally within WMS Gaming Inc. before September 9, 2003, and subsequent to the first slide presentation provided as Exhibit A. Exhibit B shows, on pages 10-12 therein, concepts corresponding to those presented in, for example, FIGS. 6-8 and on paragraphs [0043]-[0058] of United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323, concepts which are included in claims 1-49.

7. From at least a point just prior to September 9, 2003, until the filing date of United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323 on November 6, 2003, a period of less than two months, the assignee, WMS Gaming Inc., and I diligently worked on the preparation of a patent application including a method of conducting a game on a gaming machine in accord with the concepts disclosed in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, such application being ultimately filed as United States Patent Application No. 10/702,323.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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